

# Natural Resources in Commencement Bay

## Olympic View

This restoration project includes 0.7 acres of upland owned by the City of Tacoma and 11.7 acres of state-owned aquatic lands. Restoration included the removal of parts of an adjacent building owned by the defunct Puget Sound Plywood Corporation, removal of wood pilings and removal of contaminated sediments.

Monitoring efforts at this site is limited to fish observations. Of all restoration sites, the greatest diversity of fish species was found at Olympic View (29 species). However, fewer anadromous fish were caught at this site than other restoration sites.

Fish: Shiner perch  
Sculpin species  
Saddleback gunnel

Monitoring efforts have also identified two small eelgrass beds within this site. Eelgrass beds are extremely valuable rearing habitat for many species, and very rare within Commencement Bay.

## Restoration Projects in Commencement Bay



## Middle Waterway

Two restoration projects have taken place adjacent to the Middle Waterway site. These include a 3.3-acre restoration project on property owned by Simpson Tacoma Land Company that was constructed in 1995-1996, and a 1.85-acre site restored by the City of Tacoma on a public right-of-way, city land, and DNR land.

Both of these restoration sites seek to restore intertidal and riparian buffer habitat.

Monitoring efforts at these sites have identified the following species as the most frequent visitors:

Fish: Shiner Perch  
Surf Smelt  
Chum Salmon

Birds: Glaucous-winged gulls  
European starling  
house finch

**Middle Waterway – 2003 (looking North)**

